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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the **Non-Final Office Action** mailed October 15, 2004 ("Office Action").

Applicants request reconsideration for the following reasons.

Amendments to the claims and a status of each are set forth on pages 3 - 8.

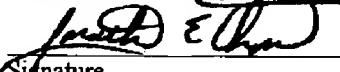
Remarks are set forth on pages 9 - 15.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are necessary at this time. The due date of January 15, 2005 fell on a Saturday, which extended the response date to Monday, January 17, 2005. However, January 17, 2005 was a Federal holiday in the District of Columbia. The closure of the Patent and Trademark Office on this day further extended the due date to Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

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